

City of Biddeford
Fire Advisory Committee
April 04, 2023 10:00 AM FD Conference Room & Zoom

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- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Minutes**
 - 4.1. Minutes
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- 5. Fire Alarm Reports**
- 6. Chief's Informational**
- 7. Old Business**
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Other Business**
- 10. Adjourn**



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Present: Chairman Roger Cantara, Rick Laverriere, Charles Drapeau, Kenneth Pendleton, Roger Hutubise, Chief Gagne, Assistant Chief Dexter, Deputy Chief Thorpe and Office Manager Kathy Boyden.

Excused: none

1. Called to Order on October 18, 2022 at 10:04 am.
2. Roll Call
3. Fire Alarm – Placed on File
4. Minutes of March 10th, 2022 meeting – Motion to accept minutes by Mr. Laverriere, seconded by Mr. Drapeau. Vote: Unanimous

Chief's Informational – The Chief stated that there has been a new committee formed. It is the Eastern Fire/EMS Substation Committee. They will be meeting on a regular basis and deciding if and where there should be a substation added to the City of Biddeford. There are 11 citizens on this committee that were selected by the Mayor and they have voted that there is a need for this substation and that there will be a desired response time.

Two sub-committees have also formed from this. One is discussing station location while the other is discussing staffing and equipment.

There is no estimated date for the arrival of the new engine as there is a wait on parts.

The Chief is currently starting to work on CIP for the upcoming budget. The various things he is thinking of so far is a need for another engine, ambulance and command car as well as roof repairs to the station, a new stair chair, stretcher and monitor and also the need for a new compressor for the SCBA.

The new OIC vehicle has arrived. It will be at Public Works getting brought up to date with striping, sirens, radios and various other things. We hope to be able to put it in service in November.

We are hoping the new radios will go in service in November also.

A grant through Firehouse Subs has been submitted for a boat.

The newest hires are still currently in rookie school and will be graduating on November 10th.

Assistant Chief Dexter explained that we are partnering with SMCC for online testing with the newest employees.

Last week, the promotional testing for open Captain and Lt's positions was held and the 2nd part of the test will be held next week at the Community Center.

Deputy Chief Thorpe has been overseeing that everyone is keeping up with their EMS Licenses, firefighter skills and driver training.

He has been making sure that station and apparatus maintenance is getting done.

5. Old Business – None
6. New Business – Mr. Hurtubise thanked us for the hard work we have been doing in trying to get in new employees and retaining them.
7. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Hurtubise and seconded by Mr. Drapeau at 11:08 am. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted by:

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